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In re Application of

Masashi NAKASHITA

Confirmation No. 3584

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/024,544

Group Art Unit: 3761

Filed: December 21, 2001

Examiner: Reichle, Karin M.

For:

BODY FLUID ABSORBENT WEARING ARTICLE

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

No additional fee is required.

Small entity status of this application has been established.

Also attached: Exhibit A

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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## **AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2005.

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